

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection in the Office Action, and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. New Claim 15 has been added, support for this claim can be found at least at page 10, lines 20-30 of the specification. Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are pending.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Bahl et al. (EP 0 788 090, hereafter "Bahl"). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

Applicants appreciate the Office Actions indication that claims 1-8, 10, -11 and 13 are allowed, and that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants submit claim 14 has been so amended and respectfully request removal of these objections.

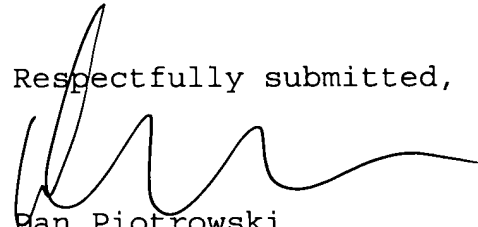
Further, Applicants respectfully submit new claim 15 recites similar limitations, and is allowable for at least the same reasons.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in

view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues that may be best resolved via telephone, please contact the Applicant's Attorney at the telephone number listed herein below.

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